Family Pension of Dismissed Discharged Employees of Ordnance Factories

750. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the widows of these Central Government employees who were dismissed or discharged from employment of Ordnance Factories on account of their trade union activities are still not getting family pension;

(b) whether some of them later were elected representatives of either the Parliament or the State Legislatures and served people for more than one term or so; and

(c) if so, the details of those dismissed or discharged employees who served Parliament, State Legislatures for various terms and whose widows are still not getting family pensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) Government servants are removed/dismissed from service in accordance with the provisions of CCS (CC&A) Rules, 1965. These rules are not invoked against bonafide trade union activities of the employees.

As per the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, dismissal or removal of a Government servant entails forfeiture of service. The employees, who are dismissed or removed from service, are, therefore, not entitled to grant of pension. Consequently, their families are also not entitled to grant of family pension.

(b) and (c) Record of activities and attainments of employees removed/dismissed from service in terms of the provisions of the afore-mentioned Rules is not maintained.

Prime Minister's Discussion on Iraq and Arms Dals with Mr. Khashoggi

751. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Adnan Khashoggi who is reported to have visited India recently did so at the invitation of Government of India;

(b) whether there was any meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr. Khashoggi;

(c) if so, whether any matters of State policy on the question of support to war against Iraq came up for discussion during the course of the meeting;

(d) what other matters were discussed with him and to what effect; and

(e) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The discussions were of a general nature.

(e) Does not arise.

Offer by Shri Giani Zail Singh to help resolve Punjab Tangle

752. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former President of India Shri Giani Zail Singh has offered to lend help to Government in its efforts to solve Punjab tangle; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.